CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 1573699468196

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000180.000

Medium: Video File

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 10 September 2020

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	1573699468196	0:06
Total running time:		0:06

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is a professionally edited promotional video made as a propaganda tool for ISIS. It promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty, and promotes and encourages acts of terrorism to a high extent and degree. The video is clearly designed to promote, celebrate and justify the cause and activities of ISIS, while explicitly encouraging and instructing others to act in a similar fashion. The right to freedom of expression, as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, has been considered. Political and religious speech are arguably the most protected forms of expression in a democratic society. However, the strong protections applying to political and religious speech are subject to reasonable limitations prescribed by law, and in New Zealand there are limitations on the promotion of extreme violence, cruelty and terrorism. The role of the Classification

Office is to determine whether the likelihood of injury to the public good arising from the availability of a publication outweighs the right to freedom of expression and therefore constitutes a reasonable limitation of this right. In this case, the likelihood of injury to the public good is high, and the classification of objectionable is a reasonable and demonstrably justifiable limitation on the right to freedom of expression.